



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## WEATHER CONDITIONS SLOW CROP DEVELOPMENT

In West Tennessee cold, wet weather slowed cotton planting progress. Producers worked hard planting corn and soybeans until forced out of fields by severe thunderstorms. Straight-line winds of up to 70 mph blew trees down in fields and pastures, resulting in structural damage. Rains of up to 3 inches prevented advancement in field work and delayed hay harvest. In Middle Tennessee, producers delayed setting tobacco and cutting hay because of forecasted freezing temperatures, which were also feared to have caused delays in crop development. Warmer temperatures are needed for pasture and hay crop improvement. Low temperatures likely adversely impacted fruit crops and gardens. In East Tennessee, wheat and barley silage was chopped. Hay was cut under less than desirable drying conditions. Additionally, cold weather and high winds delayed planting and development of vegetables and field crops. There were 3.5 days suitable for field work. Subsoil moisture was rated 61 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2019	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent									
Apples – Full Bloom	92	84	N/A	N/A	Pasture	1	7	26	53	13
Corn – Planted	67	54	75	82	Strawberries	0	6	28	50	16
Corn – Emerged	44	26	51	55	Winter Wheat	1	3	34	48	14
Cotton - Planted	10	4	28	27						
Soybeans – Planted	20	14	17	19						
Soybeans - Emerged	6	N/A	3	2						
Wheat - Headed	92	81	89	87						